

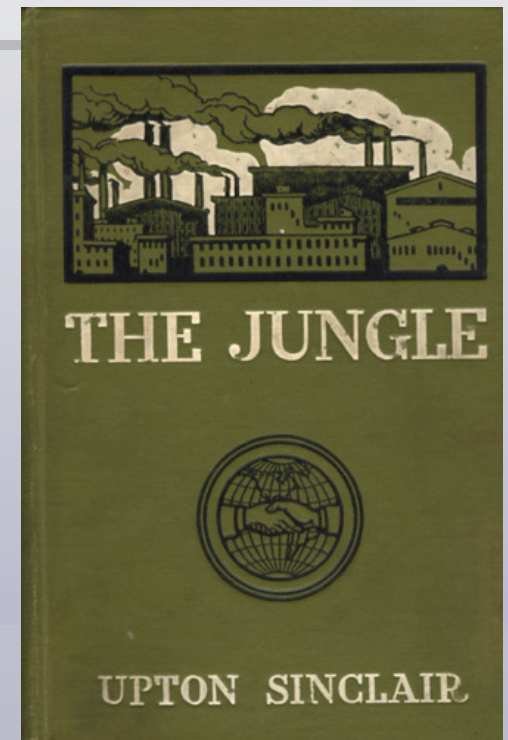
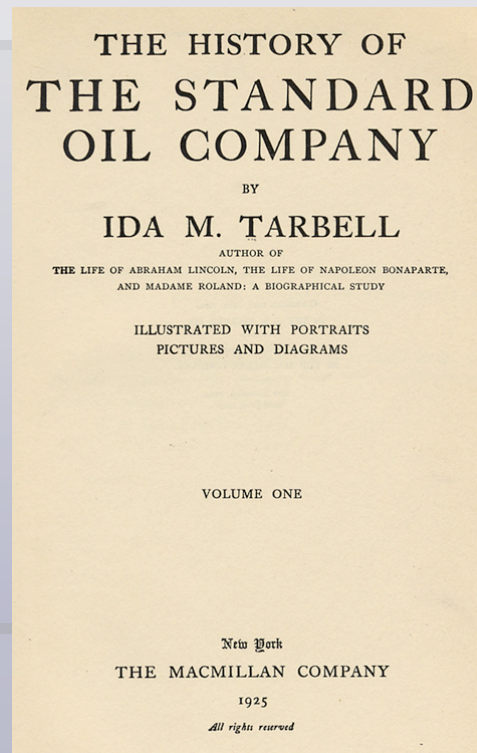
Progressives Confront Industrial Capitalism

- **As America entered into the 20th century, middle class reformers addressed many social problems due to lack of government regulation.**
- **Working conditions, rights for women and children, economic, political, environmental and social reform were a few of these issues**



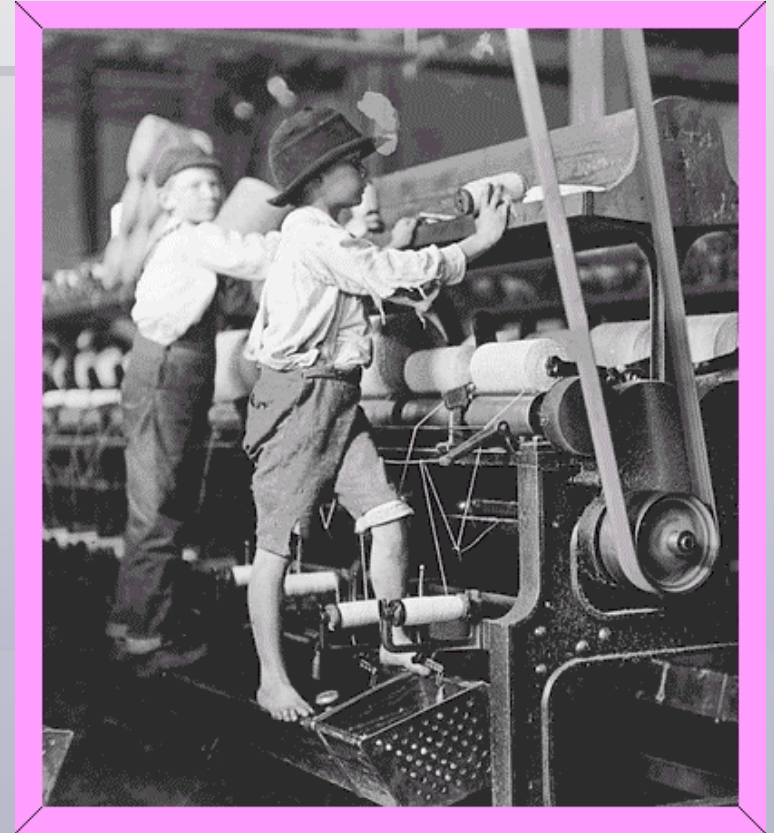
Muckrakers

- A new breed of journalist that was interested in the form of written whistle-blowing: telling the readership what was wrong in America
- Targeted specific governments and businesses such as the meat-packing industry



Reform Movement

- As the number of child workers rose, reformers worked to end **child labor**
- Children were more prone to accidents caused by fatigue
- Nearly every state limited or banned child labor by 1918
- Also worked to reduce length of workday for women
- Devastating fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Company forced examination of worker's safety



Reform Movement

- Endorsed better housing and health education to reduce problems of urban overcrowding (spread of diseases like cholera, typhoid, and tuberculosis) and establish early fire codes
- Crusaded against saloons, brothels and movie houses (religious element)



Inside a tenement building

<http://sphtc.org/timeline/19th13.jpg>

Labor Union Organizers

- American Federation of Labor – first large American labor union – put pressure on employers for better working conditions and pay
- Focused on collective organizing and strikes



Garment workers strike after Triangle
Shirtwaist Fire

http://www.zazzle.com/lc_vintagephotos/posters?cg=196468457366069817

President Theodore Roosevelt (1901-1909)



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Trusts

- By 1900, **Trusts** – legal bodies created to hold stock in many companies – controlled 80% of U.S. industries
- Roosevelt wanted to control the actions of large industrial corporations that were consolidating, growing bigger and more powerful
- He directed the Justice Department to prosecute some of the largest corporations in the country under the 1890 Sherman Anti-Trust Act (in which Congress regulated **inter-state** commerce to break up concentration of economic power in large corporations).



Food Safety

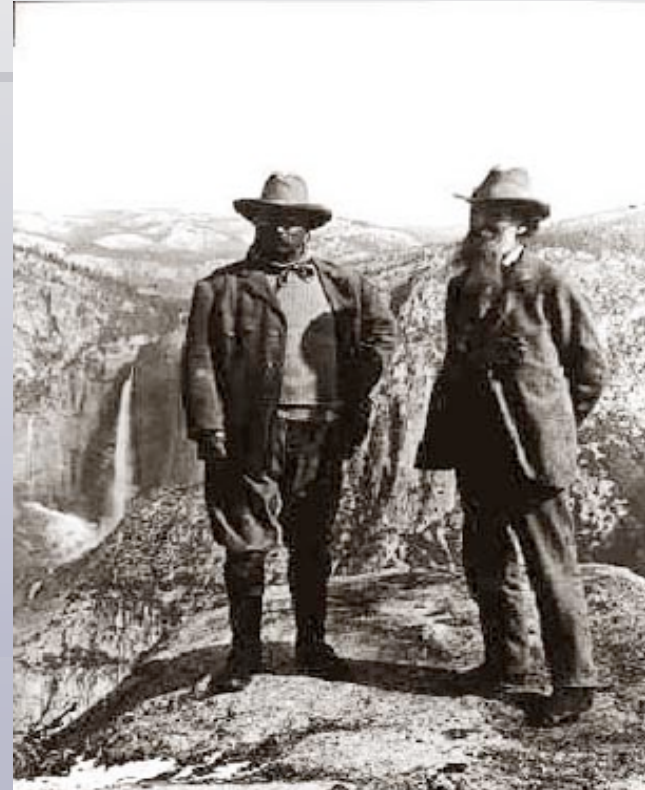
- Key reform began in response to novel about Chicago meatpacking industry, *The Jungle*
- Led to a Meat Inspection Act (1906) that required federal inspection of all companies selling meat in interstate commerce.
- The Pure Food and Drug Act (1906) prohibited the manufacture, sale, or transportation of adulterated or fraudulently labeled foods or drugs in interstate commerce and created the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)



<http://www.nytimes.com/2005/01/26/business/26meat.html?oref=login>

Conservation

- Before Roosevelt's presidency, the federal government paid very little attention to the nation's natural resources
- Roosevelt **tripled** the land set aside for national forests, bringing the total to more than 150 million acres
- Worked to increase public awareness of the importance of natural resources in America



Roosevelt, left, was an avid outdoorsman – here he is with author John Muir at Yosemite Park

National Parks and Forests

Yellowstone, Yosemite, and a few other national parks were established before Theodore Roosevelt became president, but his passionate interest in conservation led to a movement to set aside and preserve thousands of acres of the public domain. Despite disagreements over the proper goals for the management of federal land, the movement continues to this day.



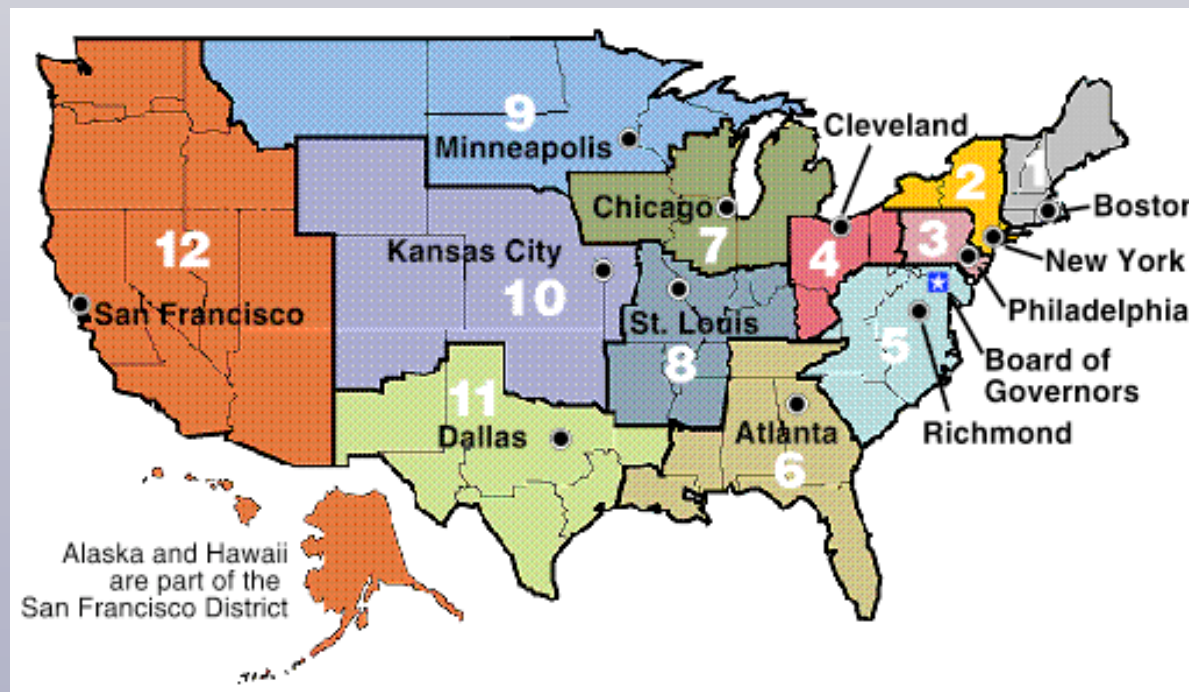
President Woodrow Wilson (1913-1921)



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Wilson's Reforms

- In 1913, Wilson helped initiate the **Federal Reserve Act** - helped prevent the banking industry from collapsing under the pressure of international panic by organizing 12 banks to act as reserves (the Federal Reserve Banks today).



FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION FORMED



Federal Trade
Commission Identity
Theft Program

*Today the FTC has been working on
protecting consumers from ID theft*

- The FTC was formed in 1914 to serve as a “watchdog” agency to end **unfair business practices**
- The FTC protects consumers from business fraud

Pressure by reformers led to changes in city, state, and federal government



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Progressive Era Constitutional Amendments

- 16th Amendment (1913) - Granted Congress the power to tax income.



Progressive Era Constitutional Amendments

- 17th (1913)



- Before 1913, each state's legislature had chosen its own U.S. senators
- To force Senators to be more responsive to the public, Progressives pushed for the popular election of Senators

Progressive Era Constitutional Amendments

- 18th (1919) Prohibited manufacture, sale of transportation of alcohol.



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(Repealed by 21st Amendment in 1933)

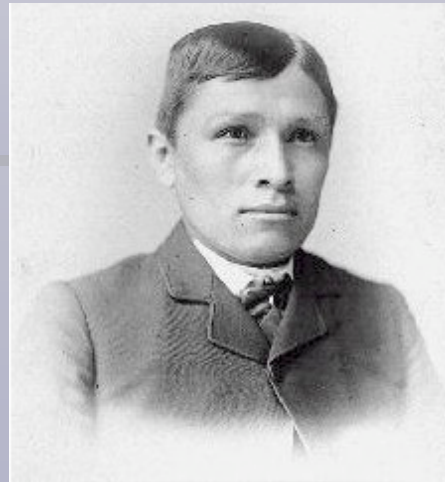
- 19th (1920) The right of citizens to vote should not be denied or abridged by the US or any state on account of a citizen's sex.



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Shortcomings of Progressive Era

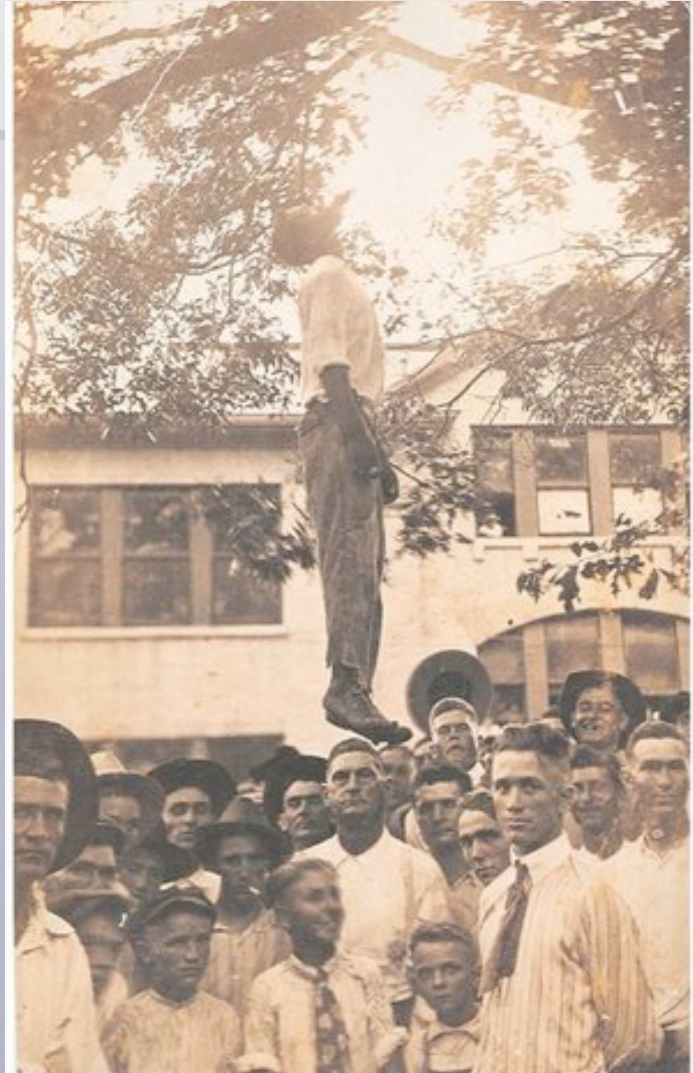
- Still work to do in terms of racial/ethnic equality
- Remember the **1891** Act which authorized the Commissioner of Indian Affairs "to make and enforce by proper means" rules and regulations to ensure that Indian children attended schools designed and administered by non-Indians?



Is this progress?

Shortcomings of Progressive Era

- Jim Crow laws legalized segregation
- *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896) upheld “separate but equal” doctrine
- Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois advocated different ideas/paths to achieve equality



NAACP FORMED TO PROMOTE RIGHTS

- In 1909 a number of African Americans and prominent white reformers formed the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- The **NAACP** had 6,000 members by 1914
- The goal of the organization was full equality among the races
- Very little progress toward this goal during the Progressive Era

